

HONORING THEODORA J. KALIKOW  
AND THE UNIVERSITY OF MAINE  
AT FARMINGTON'S SUSTAINABLE  
CAMPUS COALITION

**HON. MICHAEL H. MICHAUD**

OF MAINE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 21, 2010

Mr. MICHAUD. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the accomplishments of Theodora J. Kalikow and the University of Maine at Farmington's Sustainable Campus Coalition.

Earlier this month President Theodora J. Kalikow announced that the University of Maine at Farmington (UMF) had finalized its roadmap to achieve the goal of carbon neutrality by 2035. The "Climate Action Plan", as it is called, was developed through UMF's own Sustainable Campus Coalition, a collaborative group of driven students, faculty, staff and community members. The plan identifies a number of strategies to reduce carbon emissions, including implementing energy efficient behavior and policies, ensuring future campus structures conform to LEED standards and investing in the use of renewable energy.

According to the U.S. Department of Energy, the UMF campus uses approximately 20 percent fewer British thermal units (BTU) per square foot than the national average for colleges of similar size and climate. Despite an 11 percent increase in campus building space, the university managed to reduce campus wide energy costs by 5 percent of the 2005 levels. A new geothermal heating and cooling system is projected to save \$60,000 and 325 metric tons of carbon emissions per year. These astounding feats are made even more impressive by the fact that the university community led the planning process, with little to no cost to the university system.

The leadership of UMF President Theodora Kalikow in guiding the campus towards energy solutions that reduce greenhouse gases and long-term energy costs is an inspiration to institutions everywhere. I applaud the efforts of the Sustainable Campus Coalition, which reminds us that biggest force of change in a community is the drive of its members. Although the nation has a long way to go in moving towards a clean energy future, the people of UMF have shown that progress is possible and that it is happening now.

Madam Speaker, please join me in honoring Theodora J. Kalikow and the University of Maine at Farmington's Sustainable Campus Coalition for their efforts in making a clean energy campus a reality.

HONORING THE LIFE OF DR. JACK  
HOMER HITTSON, JR.

**HON. RALPH M. HALL**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 21, 2010

Mr. HALL of Texas. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor a fellow veteran and treasured citizen of Garland, Jack Hittson, who passed away last year, at the age of eighty-three.

Jack, a fifth generation Texan, was born June 19, 1925 in Palo Pinto, Texas. He graduated from Strawn High School at the age of

sixteen and enrolled at the University of Texas at Arlington. Before completing his studies, Jack enlisted in the U.S. Navy as a pilot. Jack returned to college following World War II and graduated from Baylor College of Dentistry at the age of twenty-three.

Jack first practiced in Panama where he met and married his wife, Elizabeth Weltzin. Shortly thereafter, they moved to the Alaskan Territories where Jack began work with the Alaskan Health Service. Jack went on to attend the University of Tennessee at Memphis to specialize in orthodontics.

Following graduation, Jack was re-commissioned during the Korean War and stationed in Orleans, France. He returned to Garland after completion of his commission and started one of the first orthodontic practices in North Texas.

Jack was actively involved in the community where he volunteered his time and resources to the benefit of the YMCA, Boy Scouts, Masons, Garland Dental Club, Texas Dental Association, and the Texas Democrats.

Jack will be missed by his wife and the greater Garland community.

Madam Speaker, I commend Jack Hittson for his service to the North Texas community and his country.

CONGRATULATING NANCY  
GOODMAN BRINKER

SPEECH OF

**HON. RON KLEIN**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 20, 2010

Mr. KLEIN of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise in strong support of H. Res. 708, a bill to congratulate Ms. Nancy Goodman Brinker for receiving the Presidential Medal of Freedom. Nancy Brinker, a resident of my Congressional District in South Florida, has had a remarkable impact on the fight against breast cancer. As founder of Susan G. Komen for the Cure, a foundation named for her sister who unfortunately lost her battle with breast cancer 30 years ago, Nancy has helped raise over \$1 billion dollars in support of research, education campaigns and support services for patients and their loved ones.

Susan G. Komen for the Cure and the Race for the Cure have helped create a global movement to empower and support those touched by this disease. Now the largest grass roots breast cancer movement in the world, Susan G. Komen for the Cure offers a place for patients, their friends and family, and those who have lost loved ones to breast cancer to share their stories, raise awareness and donate their time and resources toward finally putting an end to this disease.

I was honored to participate in the Race for the Cure held in West Palm Beach, FL where I walked in honor of my sister, who was recently diagnosed with breast cancer. At this event, I was delighted to meet Nancy in person, and thank her for her tireless efforts in fighting this terrible disease.

Nancy's work to honor the life of her sister by helping countless others is truly admirable, and deserving of this distinguished civilian award. I would like to thank my friend from Illinois, Congressman SCHOCK for introducing this resolution, and Chairman TOWNS for his

leadership in bringing this bill to the House floor today. I urge passage of the bill and I yield back the balance of my time.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. TODD TIAHRT**

OF KANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 21, 2010

Mr. TIAHRT. Madam Speaker, on January 19, I missed three rollcall votes numbered 6, 7, and 8 due to being unavoidably detained.

Rollcall No. 6 was a vote on congratulating the Northwestern University Feinberg School of Medicine for its 150 years of commitment to advancing science. Had I been present I would have voted "aye."

Rollcall No. 7 was a vote on congratulating the Penn State women's volleyball team on winning the 2009 NCAA Division I National Championship. Had I been present I would have voted "aye."

Rollcall No. 8 was a vote on commending the University of Virginia men's soccer team for winning the 2009 Division I NCAA National Championship. Had I been present I would have voted "aye."

RESPECT THE WILL OF THE PEOPLE AND SEAT SENATOR SCOTT BROWN

**HON. CANDICE S. MILLER**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 21, 2010

Mrs. MILLER of Michigan. Madam Speaker, prior to my service in this body I had the honor for eight years to serve as Michigan's Secretary of State. In that role I also served as Michigan's chief elections officer.

I am always awed by elections where the people of this nation choose those who they wish to have serve them in government.

Everyone of us who serves in this House is here because of the will of the people.

The people's collective voice must always be honored and respected.

Yesterday we saw another example of the voice of the people when the voters of Massachusetts went to the polls in large numbers to fill the unexpired term of the late Senator Ted Kennedy.

The result of that election is clear. The people of Massachusetts have chosen Senator SCOTT BROWN to be their voice. There is no doubt of the outcome, there is no contest to the election and his opponents have conceded.

When Senator Kennedy was elected in 1962 to fill the unexpired term of his brother President Kennedy, he was seated the very next day, because the people had clearly chosen him to do so.

Senator BROWN and the people of Massachusetts deserve the same consideration.

With all of the important issues facing this nation it is vital that the people's duly elected representatives are able to exercise their important duties.

I respectfully urge the other body to seat Senator BROWN immediately so that the people of Massachusetts can be heard through their elected Senator.